Declaration of certain areas in Tripura as Disturbed areas

64 SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently declared several parts of Tripura as disturbed areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the activities of the Tribal National Volunteers (TNV) of Tripura has also been banned recently; and

(c) if so, by when the disturbed areas of Tripura are likely to be brought under normalcy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The State Government of Tripura on January 24, 1987, have declared as 'disturbed area' a 5 Km area along the south-east border with the Chittagong Hill Tracts District of Bangladesh and another 5 Km. wide area along the northern border with Sylhet District of Bangladesh.

(b) Yes, Sir. A notification declaring TNV as an "unlawful association" has been issued on 4th February, 1987 by the Central Government.

(c) The purpose to declaring these areas as 'disturbed' is to contain the activities of TNV As the notification in this regard has been issued only on January 24, 1987 it is too early to indicate any time limit.

Termination of services of Employees in the Indian Embassy in Nepal

65 SHRI J P. GOYAL
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Services of over a hundred employees of the Indian Embassy in Nepal have been terminated;

(b) whether these employees are holding protest meetings and demonstrations over there; and

(c) if so, what is the latest situation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) In all 105 local employees went on strike. Some protest meetings have been held. Striking employees were given upto January 28, i e four weeks from the commencement of the strike to re-join their duties. 13 did so and 10 others who were on leave have also re-joined, 92 did not join and in their case alternative arrangements had to be made by the Embassy.

Measures against South Africa

66. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the measures being enforced against South Africa in collaboration with other Commonwealth and NAM countries to dismantle apartheid;

(b) what other steps are being taken to mobilize public opinion against apartheid, and

(c) what results have since been achieved in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH. (a) and (b) Government have consistently pursued a policy of total boycott of South Africa for nearly 40 years. At the Nassau meeting of Heads of State/Government of Commonwealth countries in October 1985 and at the Commonwealth London Mini Summit in August 1986 a series of measures were agreed upon which *inter alia* included economic, cultural and political actions calculated to compel the racist regime of South Africa to abandon the policy of apartheid and set in motion the process of establishment of a democratic structure in that country. Similar programmes of action have been adopted at various meetings of the Non-aligned Movement. The great majority of the international community is con-